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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 7125

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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

REF: A) STATE 242231 B. STATE 248496 C. STATE 248246 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR PERSONELLY DELIVERED LETTER FROM SECRETARY
TO FOREIGN MINISTER RIFAI. BECAUSE RIFAI IS ALSO PRIME
MINISTER, WE TOOK LIBERTY OF CHANGING FINAL SENTENCE OF
PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH TO READ "YOUR DECISION" INSTEAD OF
"THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION" FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.

2. RIFAI READ THE LETTER WITH CARE. WE STRESSED FOR
HIM AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE AND THE SENSE OF
CONCERN WHICH WE FELT IN SEEING A UN RESOLUTION WHICH
EXCLUDED A MAJOR PARTY TO THE ISSUE FROM A FUTURE CONFERENCE
ON THE SUBJECT BY RESOLUTION. WE THOUGHT THAT JORDAN MIGHT
HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST PN NOT WANTING TO SEE A RESOLUTION OF
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THIS CHARACTER GO THROUGH WITH THE PRECEDENT IT MIGHT SET

FOR OTHER AREAS AND OTHER PROBLEMS.

3. RIFAI SAID THAT JORDAN HAD CONSIDERED THE QUESTION LONG AND HARD. IT HAD TWO INTERESTS AND CONCERNS WHICH HAD TO BE BALANCED. IT WANTED TO BE HELPFUL, BUT COULD NOT GO TOO FAR OUT AHEAD OF THE ARAB GROUP ON THE ISSUE. HENCE, AFTER LONG DELIBERATION AND CAREFUL THOUGHT, HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE JORDANIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK TO SUPPORT US ON THE PRIORITY QUESTION AND ON THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BUT TO ABSTAIN ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. HE DID NOT SEE HOW HE COULD CHANGE HIS POSITION NOW AND THAT WHILE HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN AND OUR ARGUMENTS, FOR JORDAN THAT WAS NOT THE ONLY POINT WHICH HAD TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. HE TALKED FURTHER ABOUT OUR EARLIER CONVERSATIONS IN WHICH HE HAD SAID THAT IF THERE WERE A LITTLE BROADER ARAB SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION, HE WOULD BE MORE OPEN-MINDED ABOUT A CHANGE.

4. RECOGNIZING HOW DEEPLY JORDAN IS NOW DUG INTO THIS POSITION AND WITHOUT MOVING AWAY FROM CONTINUING TO URGE THEM TO A NO VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE, WE SAID WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TELL WASHINGTON AND USUN THAT AT LEAST JORDAN WAS PREPARED, SHOULD A PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH VOTE BE CALLED FOR THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, TO OPPOSE SOME OF THE MORE OUTRAGEOUS PARAGRAPHS. HE SAID HE WOULD STILL BE OPEN-MINDED ON THAT QUESTION, BUT WITHOUT MORE COMPLETE ARAB SUPPORT, DID NOT FEEL HE COULD CHANGE HIS POSITION ON AN ABSTENTION ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. PICKERING UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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